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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1797

Application No.: 10/667,339

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For: HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE, MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE  
STRUCTURE, AND EXHAUST GAS PURIFICATION SYSTEM USING THE  
STRUCTURE

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the February 5, 2009 Office Action reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-21 are pending in this application. Claims 13-15 stand withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 10-12, and 16-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S.

Patent No. 5,853,459 to Kuwamoto et al. ("Kuwamoto") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,566,545 to Hijikata et al. ("Hijikata") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,464,185 to Tomita et al. ("Tomita"). Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kuwamoto, Hijikata and Tomita and further in view of EP 1 128 031 to Hidaka et al. ("Hidaka"). Finally, claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kuwamoto, Hijikata and Tomita and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,248,689 to Manson. These rejections are respectfully traversed.